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Howard E. Rhodes

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For: TRENCH ISOLATION FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

SECOND

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003 (Paper No. 41), finally rejecting claims 54, 56, 73, 74, and 77, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.